Today's News - May 4, 2004

Are Athens' Olympic dreams and Silverstein's WTC schemes turning to dust? -- Has the planning profession lost its way? -- Good info and great resources for using and recycling construction materials. -- Car-crazy Houston's new trolley can teach us all a thing or two. -- For emerging professionals: a call for entries. -- Maltese heritage park will have a Swiss accent. -- New visitors center for a New England museum. -- Mussolini's villa to be transformed into a Holocaust museum. -- A library as public living room. -- Desert Modern all the rage - again. -- Town home project to complement a museum design (never mind no one knows what that design looks like). -- An "enfant terrible of Scottish architecture" designs an artful bridge that may - or may not - be built. -- High school students work with a master of landscape design to rescue a park. -- A Polish architect under-appreciated in his own hometown (and he minces no words about it). -- Discussions among notables about urban trends and historic sites in Palm Beach and Tehran. -- Pei is the focus of Washington, DC exhibit. -- Wisconsin architects awarded for form, function, and originality.

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Is Athens' Olympic dream turning to dust? The city is still a giant building site as many projects for this summer's games, including the stadium's crowning glory, remain uncompleted. By Giles Worsley - Bernard Tschumi; Santiago Calatrava- Telegraph (UK)

U.S. Jury Limits Payout of Trade Center's Biggest Insurer: ...many officials say it may be time to remove [Silverstein].- New York Times

Op-Ed: Why The Field Of Planning Should Revise Its Goals: Constant compromise has led to mediocrity. Now it's time to get re-focused. By Konrad Perlman- PLANetizen

Largest Source of Building Construction Waste Can Provide Green Savings to Environment and Bottom Line [many links to resources]- Land Development Today

Main Street Trolley Gives Houston's Transportation Plan a Ticket to Ride. By Roger K. Lewis- Washington Post

Emerging Professionals Guest House/Studio Design Competition; registration deadline: October 1- EPIConnection.com

Swiss firm wins Hagar Qim heritage park design contest - Walter Hunziger [image]- Times of Malta

DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park Announces a New Visitor Station by Wellington Reiter/Urban Instruments- Art Museum Network News

Mussolini Residence to Become Holocaust Museum- Reuters

A four-floor living room for the public: ...the library with a water view opens and the books invite you to curl up in a chair. - Robert A.M. Stern- St. Petersburg Times (Florida)

A new generation of Desert Modern: Several housing developments in Palm Springs capitalize on the resurgence of an architectural style popularized in the 1950s and '60s. - Designarc; Jay Reynolds [image]- Los Angeles Times

Luxury in a modern motif: Town homes to match new museum's look...will complement the museum without knowing what it will look like. - Studio Completiva; David Adjaye- Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

Bridging the gap between the Dean Gallery and the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art: ...would provide an elegant extension to the grass mound and crescent-shaped pools designed by Charles Jencks - Bob Steedman/Morris & Steedman- The Scotsman (UK)

McClymonds students study to revamp neglected mini park: guided by UC Berkeley urban planning and design majors, landscape architect Walter Hood- Oakland Tribune (California)

Borek Šípek : A relationship with objects: As an architect, his projects are admired from Europe to Asia. But is [his] genius appreciated in his homeland?- Prague Tribune

Greenery, detail color legacy: Architects note influence of landscaping, Mizner [in discussion of] urban trends, the unique qualities of Palm Beach and design challenges of historic sites. - Robert A.M. Stern; Harry Elson; Paul Goldberger- Palm Beach Daily News

Swiss Architect to Deliver Speech on Urbanism on May 8 at Iran Artists Forum - Marcel Meili- Mehr News (Tehran)

Special Installation Reveals Architect I.M. Pei: National Gallery of Art marks the 25th anniversary of East Building- Art Daily

AIA Wisconsin awards highlight form, function, originality [slide show]- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

-- Competition: Architecture+ Awards 2004: Design for a New World; registration deadline: May 15

-- Steven Holl Architects: Beijing Looped Hybrid, Beijing, China
-- Diller Scofidio + Renfro/Fox and Fowle Architects: Street of the Arts, Lincoln Center, New York City
-- Book: Digital Hadid: Landscapes in Motion By Patrik Schumacher
-- Santiago Calatrava: Tenerife Concert Hall, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain
-- Massimiliano and Doriana Fuksas: Emporio Armani, Hong Kong
-- Nearing completion: NOX, Son-O-House, Son en Breugel, The Netherlands

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